The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

VOLUME 29 # 3 MARCH, 2014



Ash Wednesday

March 5

Imposition of Ashes (all here at Pine Street)
7:00 AM (Chapel)
12:00 Noon (Chapel)
7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Lenten Wednesday in Lent Worship

March 12-Christ, Milton; March 19-Trinity Oak Grove; March 26-Pine Street; April 2-None (Due to Pastors returning from Bishop's Retreat); April 19: Grace Point Township Churches will host a meal at 6:00 PM prior to Worship at 7:00 PM

Women of the ELCA EVENTS

Day of Renewal Saturday, March 1st at United Lutheran Church, Sunbury

Lenten Breakfast Saturday, March 15 at 8:30 AM

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Lewis

MARCH DINNERS

Lasagna Dinner Saturday, March 8 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Adults: \$8; Ages 3-11: \$4; Under 3: Free. *Menu:* Lasagna, Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Dessert & Beverage. Proceeds benefit VBS & Thomas Beaver Library.

Chicken & Waffle Dinner Saturday, March 29 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Adults: \$8; Ages 3-11: \$4; Under 3: Free.

Sponsored by the W/ELCA.

I B L

 \boldsymbol{B}

S T U

Thursdays
At
1:30
PM
(Library)

In this Issue:

Page 2	News and Notes
Page 2	Synod Giving Report
Pages 2-3	Stewardship Minute
Page 3 GateHo	ouse & Restoration Rpt.
Page 4Bir	thdays & Anniversaries
Page 4	Prayer List
Page 5 Thank you Notes; Cp. Mt. Luther	
Page 6 Fe	ellowship Lunch Menus
Page 6	W/ELCA Events
Page 7	Partnership of Saints
Page 7	Thank You Corner
Page 7	Coming in April
Page 7	The Latin Cross

With This Issue:

March & April Calendars and March & April Schedules

Love Envelopes in your packet:

GateHouse

PRE-LENT: The days up to Ash Wednesday (March 5) have often been a time of celebration before Lent. The day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday, was a time for carnivals in the Middle Ages. The Germans celebrated with beer, pretzels, and huge sausages. Two Shrove Tuesday customs, doughnuts in Germany and pancakes in England, were probably introduced to use up grease, the use of which was prohibited during Lent. The French celebrated by leading an ox through the street on the way to be barbequed. The *Mardi gras* festival held each year in New Orleans, is a carry-over of this French Celebration.

~ Adapted from Seasons & Symbols

What Is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the <u>Stephen Series</u> system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

How Stephen Ministry Works

The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and care receivers.

If you have any questions, please see Ryan Versluis.

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

 Brent K. Lees, husband of Saundra Lees, who died January 25, 2014.

MEMORIALS

Gifts to our Memorial Fund have been given to our Restoration Project by Mary Jane and William Snyder in memory of:

- ♦ Judy Stamm
- ♦ Ray Fry
- ♦ Minnie Troutman
- ♦ Michael Wydra
- ♦ Mary Berry

GIFT

A gift has been given to our Restoration Project by the Estate of *Beatrice Yeager*. Thank you to Mary Elizabeth Payne.

THRIVENT CHOICE

People directing funds through the Thrivent Choice Double Direction Church campaign were *Dennis DiOrio*, *Linda DiOrio*, *Gail James*, *Patricia Pittsnogle* and *Donald Remley*. We thank you for directing these funds to our church.

Pastoral Care:

For Pastoral Care, <u>please call Pastor Keith's home number</u> (951-2350-if no answer, please leave a message).

Please <u>do not</u> leave a message on the church's answering machine.

(The answering machine at the office is not regularly checked if it is after hours, a weekend, or if Pastor is away.)

PASTOR AT BISHOP'S RETREAT MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2.

MARRIAGE

Holly LuAnn Poluske and Douglas Buchhalter were united in Marriage by Pastor Keith on Valentine's Day, February 14. Doug is the son of Mary Louise Kemp.



MARCH 8:
TURN
CLOCKS
AHEAD
Before retiring for
the evening.

AND Spring begins March 20!!!

THE CURRENT COUNCIL MINUTES AND

PASTOR'S REPORT will be posted on the bulletin board.

SYNOD GIVING REPORT Here are the donations by our congregation to the Synod for 2013.

2015.	
Blankets	\$235.00
Camp Mt. Luther	\$115.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 95.00
Regular Benevolence	\$5,267.00
Pacific Typhoon Response	\$65.00
World Hunger Appeal	\$215.00
Total	\$5,992.00

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Written by S. William Snover, MD Financial Secretary

"What I spent, I lost; what I possessed is left to others; what I gave away remains with me." (Anonymous)

How do we feel about our time, talent, ability and treasure when it comes to our church? Are these things that we are expected to "spend" in order to stay right with God, or are they something we freely "give" so that God can magnify our gifts and return them to us bountifully. (read 2

Corinthians 9:6-7). Do not think of these acts of stewardship as an expense, and please don't think you will somehow be better off if you hoard these things. Rather, consider them a gift to be given willingly and joyfully. If you do so, you will never be in want.

Bill

GATEHOUSE

This month is Gatehouse month for the Love Offering Envelopes. The Transitional Housing and Care Center of Columbia and Montour Counties provide the Gatehouse to address the basic needs of all God's people who are temporarily homeless in our community.

The Gatehouse, an outreach recipient of gifts from our church, is a three story high building surrounded by lovely grounds and situated on the southern boundary of the Danville State Hospital grounds.

They will provide coordinated support programs of education, counseling, and spiritual guidance with the goal of developing self-esteem, self-discipline and self-help.

If Gatehouse is one of the community projects you would like to support through our church, please use the special *Love* Envelope included in your envelope packet. Thank you so much for your much-needed support.

Quilting Circle

Resource Room in Luther House Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30

Contact Brenda Fischer-Dennehy for more information.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out for you to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Now that spring is just around the corner, it's time to give your marriage a fresh start; shake off those winter blahs, and pump some new love and romance into your relationship. The Pennsylvania spring Weekends are: March 28-30, 2014 at Park Inn Radisson, West Middlesex, PA, where each couple has a king bed and their own hot tub--an hour north of Pittsburgh, just off of Interstate 80, and April 25-27, 2014 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College--Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of the Nittany Mountains.

We are also accepting registrations for the fall Weekends: September 12-14, 2014 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, in the heart of the Poconos and September 26-28, 2014 at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, hour north of DuBois. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward the continuation of the program. Register today! Simply go to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using a credit card to pay the \$45 registration fee, or mark the option to pay by check, and you will be notified where to send your check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or fischamber@comcast.net.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be MARCH 6 with the deadline to order and pay by MARCH 2. The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes to our Restoration Project and 10% goes to a charity or community project).

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!!

Good Samaritan Mission Center 275-2500 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 AM-4:30 PM

GOGGY PC

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp., Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ Lutheran, Milton.)

GOGGY,PC is for anyone 5th grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

GLScrip Gift Card Order Deadline is MARCH 9.

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards.

Consider using gift cards
when shopping for
essentials and extras.
Weis and Giant are now
only available through
GLScrip.

Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use. They work same as cash!!!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of *January 31, 2014*)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in *January*: \$ 0 from hoagie sales (no sale in Jan.)

\$ <u>279</u> from giving

\$ 279 total

Total on hand: \$ 4,621 Loan balance: \$35,953

2014 ELECTION DATES

MAY 20: General Primary NOVEMBER 4: General Election

RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

- ◆ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

 Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00

 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ian Tharp (Actually Feb. 29)
- 4 Sharon Harner
- 5 Dylan Tharp
- 6 Jaren Diehl; Alexis Snover
- 7 Jane Beagle (91); Sarah Hauck Klein; Mary Ann Landi
- 11 Hunter Beasley
- 12 Geoffrey Lees; Roberta Recla; Rachel Tharp
- 15 Dennis Leighow
- 16 Samantha Koons; Pastor Pat Pittsnogle
- 19 Marie Adams (96); D. Jean Cope (87)
- 21 Robert Beyer (92)
- 22 Judith Adams; Martha Hack
- 25 June Livziey
- 30 Kathi Beiter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Patricia and Marvin Fry (60)
- 20 Rev. L. Keith and Rev. Patricia Pittsnogle (15)
- 27 Lorene and Ryan Versluis (43)
- 29 Sandra and Irvin Reibsome (56)



FOOD BANK NEEDS



The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and

money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month from the list other below or any nonfood ΑII perishable item. donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

Mar: Tuna & Canned Meats

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M. the 1st Thursday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.



Pine Street Prayer List March, 2014

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Clara Hauck; Patti Yeager; Carl Rice; Burrtell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Lena Wetzel; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin...

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Diane Harner; Chase Davenport, infant son of Travis and Kady (Curry) Davenport; Nancy Curry; Jody Raup; Jean Neitz; Tracy Diltz; Kathryn DiOrio: Jim Pursel: Aimee Bingaman: Janet Chapin: Kathy Diehl: Ronald Fisher: Carla Wetzel: John Beyer: Mark Pontiac: Sandy Fausey: Linda Boudman; Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Elroy Neitz; Todd Livziey; Malena Brown; Cindy Gearhart; Phyllis Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Carl Rauch; Bev Faux; Bill Rohrbach; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Martha Knight; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox: Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Gladys Keller; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Tim Raup; Melissa Thomas; Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelena and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward: Emmitt Thomas; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Emily Ebersole Clark; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock: SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at pinestch@ptd.net or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please.

(To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or pinestch@ptd.net).

Loved one, family member or friend in the military and want them on the prayer list or to have members write to them? Please be sure their names and addresses are given to the church office.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

Please accept my personal thanks and that of the staff and Board of Trustees of the Thomas Beaver Free Library for the contribution of \$33.00 to our institution. It is a most welcome gift in these times where everyone is trying to do more with less.

It is a pleasure to recognize the wonderful support of institutions like you and your members in our community. Thank you for your kindness in remembering the library and in helping us fulfill our mission.

Sincerely, **Bonnie L. White**Thomas Beaver Free Library,
Director

We acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of \$113.00 we received on December 21, 2013.

We thank you for your much needed support of our effort to provide food to the less fortunate residents of our community. Without thoughtful supporters like you we would never be able to continue this effort.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Richards

Danville-Riverside Area

Food Bank

Dear Members of Pine Street Lutheran.

Thank you for your recent gift to Camp Mount Luther. Your donation provides important foundation for the faith formation of children. vouth. and adults. God continues to change lives here at camp. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I want to express my deepest thanks and appreciation for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. As we look back at 2013, we are grateful for the over 700 camper who participated in our summer programs and the thousands of participants who used our facilities for retreats and events. The year was particularly special as we celebrated 50th our anniversary. We were constantly reminded that we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, both past and present, who have valued the importance of outdoor ministries in this place.

This letter acknowledges the following gift, recorded on 1/30/2014:

\$115.00 for Synod Mission Support (Annual). Sharing the Gospel through outdoor ministries wouldn't be possible without your support. We truly thank you for keeping our ministry strong by contributing to Camp Mount Luther and helping us to share Christ and plant seeds!

God's Peace, **Chad W. Hershberger** Executive Director Dear Pine Street Lutheran Congregants,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Danville Area Diaper Bank to thank you for your recent donations of diapers to our program.

It is because of the generous support of our community that we have been able to successfully operate our program for over a year now.

We are currently providing 80-100 families with the diapers that they need weekly, and we are continuing to expand our outreach to many nearby communities.

Thanks again for your continued support!

In God's Love, *Kim O'Rowke* Danville Area Diaper Bank

Camp Mt. Luther Summer Camp 2014

booklets are available on the table in the narthex, call 570-922-1587 or go to cml@campmountluther.org for more details.

Middle School Lenten Retreat

A Lenten retreat at Camp Mount Luther, this will be the third annual offering for this age group by the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA. You will be able to connect with one another and learn more about journeying together in mission. Because of the synod and camp's partnership with the diocese, Lutheran youth are

welcome and encouraged to attend. More info: http://youth.diocesecpa.org/eve http://youth.diocesecpa.org/eve http://youth.diocesecpa.org/eve htts/middle-school-lenten- retreat.

~~~~~~~

#### 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle Co-Treasurers:

#### Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor
Darlis Dyer
Samuel Harrison
Thomas Herrington, Vice President
Nancy K. Leighow
William Snover, Secretary
Gerard Tromp, President
Ryan Versluis
Joanne Williams



#### WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so!

Check it out!

Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at pinestch@ptd.net. Thanks!

## Fellowship Menus

#### MARCH

Mar. 2: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans

Mar. 9: Covered Dish

Mar. 16: Pasta Casserole & Cold Salads

Mar. 23: Macaroni & Cheese and Tossed Salads

Mar. 30: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans

## Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

Near Liberty Valley Golf Course on Rt. 642, turn right onto Klondike Rd. Just after going under the I-80 bridges, turn onto the first left. This is Oak Grove Rd. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.



The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is FEBRUARY 15 for the MARCH, 2014 Newsletter. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

## 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering

July 15-19 Detroit, Michigan

Theme: Rise Up Together.

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and Definitely-Abled Youth Leadership Event: July 12-15.

#### **SPONSORS**

Bulletin sponsors are needed for March 2, 16, 23 and 30. Flowers are needed for March 23 and 30. Communion Bread sponsors are needed for all of March. Please sign up to sponsor these important items for our Sunday Worship services. Thank you!

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for Flowers
- \$14.00 per month for the Sanctuary Candle.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

#### **Lyme Disease Support Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of the month at Trinity Methodist Church, 306 Lombard Ave. For questions or information, please call Angie Wilson at 570-441-6039.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

#### W/ELCA

#### Calendar of Events

- March 1: Day of Renewal [United, Sunbury]
- March 4: Quarterly Meeting 9:00
   AM to 12 Noon Cleaning
   Silver
- ✓ March 12: Lenten Tea 1:30 PM
- March 15: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 AM (SH); Guest speaker-Stephanie Lewis
- March 18: Preparing Chicken 9:00 AM
- March 29: Chicken & Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM (SH)
- April 26: Day of Learning [First, Mifflinburg]
- May 6: Lutheran Day at the Capitol
- May 17: Mother/Child Dinner 2:00 PM (SH)
- ✓ July 20-24, 2014: Triennial Gathering [Charlotte, NC]
- August 2: USSWO Convention [Camp Mt. Luther]

## Available for Pick-up

...on the table in the narthex.

- •The most recent copies of:
- The <u>USS Ark</u>, This month the Ark introduces you to the staff members of the Synod.
- Upper Susquehanna Synod <u>Currents</u>,
- •Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
- <u>Christ in Our Home</u> Devotional Booklets
- <u>Spark Family-Splash</u> in God's Word magazine
- <u>The Lutheran Magazine</u>—selected issues

They are <u>free while supplies last</u> take one for your family.

If more copies of USS Ark, Currents or Camel Tracks are needed, please ask Deb.



Think Spring!!! It's been a long, hard winter.



#### PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

- Rotating Lenten Services (check the March calendar)
- MARCH 15: CONFIRMATION CLASS w/Mentors 10:00 AM at Grace.
- MARCH 23: Confirmation Class, Christ 5:30 PM
- MARCH 23: GOGGY,PC at Christ 6:30 PM and Parents meeting at 7:30 PM to confirm April and May dates
- PINE STREET BIBLE **STUDY:** This Bible Study is held weekly in the library of the Luther House on Thursday afternoon usually at 1:30 PM (occasionally at 3:30 PM due to worship conducted by Pastor Keith at **Emmanuel and MIM** nursing facilities) Feel free to call Deb Munson in the Pine Street office (9-1 Mon thru Thurs. 570-275-2110) for any changes or cancellations.

Transitional
Ministry is learning
more about how we
feel about our faith
and sharing it with
others.

# The Thank You Corner

- Bill Snyder, Dick Baylor and Caz Morgan – for tearing up and replacing old floor in the church kitchen
- Aaron Beasley and Rae Leighow – for laying new tile in the church kitchen.
- ◆ Snow Shovelers & Snow Blowers-thank you!
- Delaney Bloom for donations of books for the children's Busy Boxes.
- Nan Leighow for all her hard work with the kitchen repairs and cleaning.



#### **COMING IN APRIL:**

- April 5: Food Packing [Pillow Fire Hall]
- April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 14: Carpet Cleaning (Sanctuary, Narthex & Social Hall)
- April 20: Easter Sunday; 6:30
   AM Sunrise Worship and 10:30 AM Worship
- April 26: Food Packing [United Methodist, Montoursville]
- April 26: W/ELCA Day of Learning
- April 27: Land & Seasons



## The Latin Cross

The Latin Cross appears frequently, and, as the actual form of the cross upon which Christ was crucified, is by far the most popular of all the forms in general use. It is common to all religious bodies which confess the Lord Jesus Christ and his death for our salvation. The scroll is shown attached to the top of the cross on which the letters I.N.R.I. are written. These letters indicate the Latin inscription lesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum - "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." This inscription is shown in accordance with John 19:19-22, as follows: "Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the read, 'Jesus cross: it Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, 'Do not write "The King of the Jews," but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews." 'Pilate answered, 'What I written I have written.' "And so this inscription appears above the cross either in Latin or in the three languages.

~ from Seasons & Symbols-a handbook on the church year